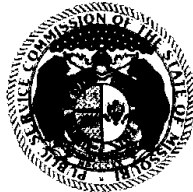


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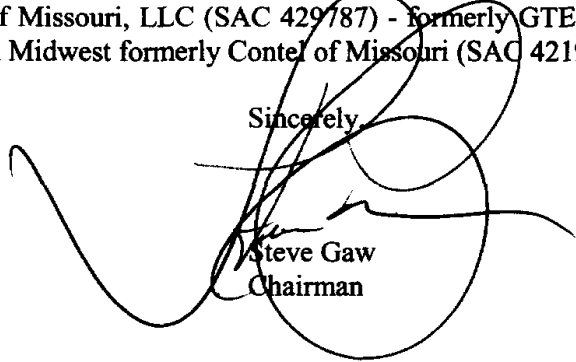
RE: USF Certification Pursuant to 47 USC 254(e)  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Missouri Public Service Commission (Mo PSC) hereby certifies that the following company has certified to this Commission that it will use the funds received from the non-rural hold harmless provision of the federal high cost support funding mechanism in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 USC § 254(e) 1996). Pursuant to Section 54.316 of the FCC's rules, the MoPSC hereby certifies that CenturyTel's residential rate is less than the safe harbor rate as indicated in the attached Residential Rate Review.

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (SAC 429784) - formally GTE Midwest Incorporated  
d/b/a Verizon Midwest formerly GTE of Missouri (SAC 421186)  
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Sincerely,

  
Steve Gaw  
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# Residential Rate Review

Please update these data for October 15 2004

I. Access Rates	Generally Available Service		Subsidized Services Such as Lifeline	
	(#1) Unlimited or Flat-Rate Service	(#2) Measured or Message Service	(#3) Unlimited or Flat-Rate Service	(#4) Measured or Message Service
<b>Monthly Charges per Line</b>				
a. Recurring service charge	\$13.46	N/A	\$5.21	N/A
b. Federal subscriber line charge	\$6.23	N/A		N/A
c. State subscriber line charge	N/A	N/A		N/A
d. Touch-Tone monthly charge	N/A	N/A		N/A
e. Lowest monthly inside wiring	\$3.95	N/A		N/A
* Optional extended area plan	\$11.45 - \$32.50	N/A		N/A
<b>Charges for calls in the local service area</b>				
g. The number of voice calls or message units included in the monthly recurring rate if message service		N/A		N/A
h. The dollar calling allowance for voice calls included in the monthly recurring rate if measured service		N/A		N/A
i. The charge for a 5-minute, business day, same-zone voice call		N/A		N/A

II. Other Mandatory Monthly Charges Associated with Local Access		
a1. Mandatory percentage surcharge for USF passthrough	8.95%	\$0.55
a2. Other mandatory percent surcharges accounted as company revenue	N/A	
b1. Mandatory fixed amount surcharge for USF passthrough	N/A	
b2. Other mandatory fixed amount surcharges accounted as company revenue	N/A	
c. Percentage tax or surcharge for funding 911 service	2.02%	\$0.26
d. Fixed amount tax or surcharge for funding 911 service	N/A	
e. Federal excise tax rate	3%	\$0.39
f. Other percentage taxes (sales, excise, gross receipts, etc.) levied on monthly service by state county or local government.	23.35%	\$4.73
g. Other fixed amount government taxes or surcharges		\$0.10

III. Service Connection Charges	Normal Service	Subsidized Service (e.g., Link-Up)
a. Total connection charge for rotary service if no premises visit is required	0	0
b. Additional charge if company is connecting Touch-Tone service	0	0
c. Minimum additional charge if drop line and terminal block are needed to connect service. Do not include any inside wiring charges.	0	0

IV. Other Mandatory Charges for Connection	
a. Mandatory percentage surcharges on connection accounted as company revenue	N/A
b. State, county, and local taxes and surcharges on connection (total of % rates)	N/A
c. Other mandatory connection charges	N/A

## Notes

The highest rate of \$29.67 (not including optional extended area calling) is less than the safe harbor rate of \$34.16, as indicated on USAC's web site.

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